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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116(b)

Sir,

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated July 20,
2004. Please amend the above identified Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including two annotated figures from the Casanova et al. (U.S.
5,031,075) patent are attached following page 11 of this paper.

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